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TODAY and TOMORROW

Rift Turns into Gap

THE rift in the Allied camp is no more a mere rift. It has become a gap—and a widening gap at that. The San Francisco Conference, which, according to the Anglo-American propagandists, was to usher in world security as the result of close and cordial co-operation among the so-called big five, namely, Russia, United States, Britain, France and Chungking, is on the verge of a fiasco. The veto question which is now the central issue of the conference is going to be the rock on which the much boosted big-five collaboration will break. On the question of veto, Russia is firmly taking a line to which Britain, America and their satellites are opposed.

But the conference is not the only headache to the Anglo-Americans. The joint control of Germany by Britain, America, France and Russia is threatening to be another disruptive force among them. The first meeting of the Allied Control Council consisting of the four countries' military leaders with their principal political and military assistants is reported to have ended abruptly after the signature of the Four Power Declaration, because it was then revealed that Marshal Zhukov was not empowered to do more than sign the declaration, and did not wish to discuss the organisation of the Control Council or its methods of procedure until all outstanding questions have been settled.

Russia's variance with the Anglo-Americans is also seen in the Levant and in China. Russia has not endorsed the Anglo-American disapproval of French action in Syria and Lebanon. This is not necessarily because Russia does not sympathise with the Syrians and the Lebanese. Her conduct in this affair has been dictated by the idea that while the Anglo-Americans themselves are playing at power-politics in Palestine, Iraq and other parts of Arabia, they have no business to condemn General de Gaulle. In any case, it is clear that Russia is no more at one with Britain and America in the Levant question than over the questions of veto, Poland, occupation of Germany, etc.

In short now that Russia has no more to fight the Germans, she is taking every available opportunity to cross and defy the Anglo-Americans. In the days to come, this mutual dissension is bound to increase. Every realistic student of the contemporary world expected this Soviet-Anglo-American clash, and the expectation is coming true sooner perhaps than was expected.

But the trouble with the Anglo-Americans is that they have not only to reckon with the increasing hostility of Russia, but also with the smouldering sulkiness of France.

In face of these facts, Britain and America are not anything like so mighty as they pretend to be. At all events, they are certainly not in a position to give their undivided attention to the Pacific War. This means, they are ultimately bound to suffer a crushing defeat at the hands of Nippon and her East Asiatic allies.

BITTER WAR CONTINUING IN OKINAWA

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Opposing Forces Now Pitted Against Each Other On West Coast Area

Tokyo, June 8 (Domei)—Nippon defenders of the southern sector of Main Okinawa Island are bitterly contesting every inch of ground against enemy forces, who, after breaking through the Nippon line connecting Naha and Shuri, are attempting to continue their southward push under cover of powerful naval bombardments.

On the western coastal area, opposing forces are at present pitted against each other along an oblique line running from a point due south of Naha, then up the Kuniba River, through Inamine, five kilometres south of Shuri, and reaching Kakihana at the southern base of Chinen Peninsula.

Although no significant changes occurred in the central sector along the southern bank of the Kuniba River the enemy has been scheming since June 4 to capture Oroku airfield, two kilometres south-west of Naha by landing troops from the sea in the area south-west of Naha. Other enemy ground forces after crossing the Kuniba River at a point near Matama Bridge, south-east of Naha, reached the flank of the airfield. Both these forces are now concertedly attacking Nippon forces in this area in order to capture Oroku Airfield Nippon defenders are however fighting hard to frustrate the enemy's advance.

Meanwhile, in the eastern coastal sector the enemy forces had advanced by dusk June 3 to a line connecting Kakibana and Funagoshi—five kilometres south of Yonabaru—where Nippon forces are putting up a valiant defence to stem the enemy's advance.

Enemy Super Fortresses Raid Osaka & Vicinity

Tokyo, June 7 (Domei)—In a joint announcement issued at 2 p.m. this afternoon, the Central Army Command and Osaka Naval Garrison Headquarters announced as follows:

"Firstly, about 250 B-29's from southern bases appeared over Osaka and its vicinity via the Kii Channel about 10 o'clock today. After dropping chiefly incendiary bombs and some explosive bombs the enemy raiders withdrew from Kumanonada between about 10.40 a.m. and 1.10 p.m. Fires started in the northern and north-eastern sections of Osaka city are steadily being brought under control.

"Secondly, war results scored against enemy raiders and damage sustained by our side are now under investigation."

Burma War Far From Finished, Enemy Admits

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Nippon Forces Launch Big Attacks On Foe In Pegu Sector

Lisbon, June 6 (Domei)—San Francisco Radio today quoted an American military commentator as declaring that the Burma campaign is far from finished because the Nipponese still have strong troop concentrations in the eastern and southern border areas of Burma.

Meantime, latest British dispatches from Burma said that patrol clashes and savage encounters are taking place in the Shan Hills. One of the heaviest of these attacks was reported to have occurred last night, when Nipponese troops launched three assaults against British 14th Army positions approximately 14½ kilometres north-east of Pegu, penetrating into the perimeter of the British defences.

1,500,000 Deaths In Bengal Famine

Stockholm, June 4 (Domei)—A London dispatch, quoting the report of the British Government's special committee, today said that 1,500,000 persons lost their lives in the Bengal famine of 1943.

Okinawa War Intensifies As Foe Moves Southward

Tokyo, June 7 (Domei)—The ground battle on Main Okinawa Island continues to gain in intensity as the battle on Main Okinawa Island moves southward. Enemy reinforcements of infantrymen who landed west of Oroku, due south of Naha last Tuesday June 5, have since continued their southward advance, while enemy units that are moving southward began to show signs of slackening in their activities after reaching the vicinity of Madamibashi.

BRITAIN INSTITUTES REIGN OF TERROR TO HUNT OUT NETAJI'S ADVANCE AGENTS

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India Secretary Again Prattles On Indian Deadlock

While the British authorities in India have intensified their reign of terror in a desperate effort to crush the freedom spirit of the Indian masses, Leopold Amery, Secretary of State for India, has revealed very clearly the determination of the British to continue their domination and exploitation of India.

Speaking at the London Rotary Club yesterday, Amery again referred to the notorious Cripps' proposals as the best solution of the present Indian deadlock. As was to be expected, he blamed the Indians for the present deadlock. He tried his best to make his listeners believe that the only thing that is preventing the British Government from granting complete independence to India is the disunity among the various political parties in India.

During the course of his speech, Amery also admitted that the British loot and plunder of India's wealth and other resources to carry on their war of aggression had undoubtedly been a very heavy strain on India's resources and was also to a certain extent responsible for the terrible famine in Bengal and other parts of India.

The arch-hypocrite said that the British do not look with jealous or grudging eyes on the development of India's industry. By this statement, Amery tried to make out that India's industries had developed considerably as a result of the war. But this is a blatant lie.

It will be recalled that J.R.D. Tata, Indian industrial magnate, recently exposed British propaganda that the war had enabled India materially to expand her industries and industrial capacity. Speaking at a press conference in London, Tata said, "There may have been isolated cases of expansion, but on the whole when armaments factories and other specialised industries connected with the war had been excluded, there have been none."

Four More Young Patriots Arrested In India Under "Enemy Agents" Laws

The ever-increasing anti-British unrest and sabotage have resulted in considerable anxiety and panic among the British official circles, and the resultant intensification of the British reign of terror in the country.

British secret service in India is seized with confusion and they blame all the anti-British sabotage in the country as being due to the activities of the so-called enemy agents. The campaign against these so-called enemy agents in India has already resulted in the arrest and summary execution of a large number of young Indian patriots.

It will be recalled that in August last year the British authorities arrested seven young Indian patriots whom they described as enemy agents. Five of them were executed and other two were sentenced to life imprisonment under the so-called Enemy Agents Ordinance. But the Indians knew that they were not enemy agents; they knew that these young men whom the British murdered in cold blood were the advance agents of India's liberation forces under the leadership of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

A report from New Delhi received here reveals that the agents of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose are still active in India in spite of the efforts of the British police and secret service to hunt them down.

According to this report the British authorities have arrested four more young Indian patriots under the so-called Enemy Agents Ordinance. These patriots—these agents of Netaji Bose—whom the British describe as enemy agents—reached India in March last year.

INDIAN EMPIRE TERMED AS BRITAIN'S "ACHILLES HEEL"

Describing India as Britain's "Achilles Heel," Chowdry Akbar Khan, President of the Indian Journalists' and Writers' Association in London, warned the British that it would be to her advantage if the British would quit India immediately leaving the Indians to manage their own affairs.

He also accused the British of deliberately prolonging the political deadlock in India. Britain, he said, has never been willing to settle the Indian question.

A report from New Delhi says that Dr. Syed Mahmood, Member of the Congress Working Committee is to meet Mahatma Gandhi for discussions. The report, however, did not reveal what the nature of the discussions will be.

Soviet Union Slighted On Knotty Levant Issue

Zurich, June 7 (Domei)—Sir Edward Grigg, British Minister Resident in the Middle East, today indicated that the British Government is opposed to the French proposal that a conference of big powers, including the Soviet Union, should be called for a comprehensive consideration of Middle East problems, according to a Cairo dispatch.

"The British Government holds that the Conference should be limited to the United States, Britain, France and the Levant States, excluding the Soviet Union," Grigg declared.

Grigg's statement inferred that there is no need for the Soviet Union to be included in discussions concerning the Middle East.

Philippines Rehabilitation Presents Problem To U.S.

Lisbon, June 6 (Domei)—Revealing that the invasion of the Philippines has thrust a huge, pressing supply and rehabilitation problem on the United States, American Senator Millard Tydings, (Maryland, Democrat) who returned to the United States from an economic tour of the Philippines, yesterday, said that American military authorities in Manila are now being compelled to feed 600,000 persons daily, according to an American dispatch.

Tydings' statement indicated that the American invasion and its resultant effects severely have undermined the Islands economy and only brought untold suffering to millions. America's responsibility, he said, was heavy and he had hurried home to get relief rolling.

Only five per cent. of Manila's normal electric service has been restored, and there is no transportation system in operation as yet, the Senator said. He added that there was no estimate he could give of the cost of rehabilitation in the Philippines.

It will be years at least before the Philippines will have enough sugar crops for export, Tydings declared.

Aerial Torpedo Attacks On Enemy Ships Off Okinawa

A Nippon Base at the Okinawa Front, June 8 (Domei)—The Nippon air force in a night attack on June 5 on enemy war vessels in Okinawa waters released torpedoes from the closest range against three enemy craft, including one cruiser, and inflicted heavy damage. Continuing their activity, our air forces the following day June 6 carried out furious bombing against enemy war vessels in waters south of Main Okinawa Island.

Meanwhile, Nippon garrisons on the island exchanged fire with enemy vessels which the same day appeared near the southern part of the island and bombarded Nippon positions.

Germans Still Fighting Against American Forces

Zurich, June 6 (Domei)—Indicating that peace has not completely settled over German territory, a dispatch from Innsbruck today said that 300 German S.S. troops are still fighting against American troops in Upper Austria.

British Naval Casualties In Ryukyu War Theatre

Lisbon, June 6 (Domei)—Seventeen British officers and men were killed or missing and 34 others were seriously wounded during the recent attacks against the Ryukyus by the British Pacific Fleet, American Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz's Headquarters reported here today in a Guam dispatch. The communique failed to refer to the land fighting on Okinawa.

Grave Food Situation In Southern Germany

Lisbon, June 7 (Domei)—A Munich dispatch today reported that the food situation in Southern Germany was grave, with it being impossible to maintain the present low rations without imports from other parts of Germany, which is at present unfeasible owing to the transport crisis.

Russians Today Winning Respect And Co-operation Of Germans

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Hsinking, June 7 (Domei)—The Russians rather than the Anglo-Americans are winning the respect and co-operation of German masses, a Nippon evacuee who just arrived here from Germany declared in a press interview describing conditions in occupied Germany. His interview follows:

Political and economic experts from Britain and the United States have poured into Germany to destroy Nazism and replace it with their own selfish ideologies and thus convert vanquished Germany into a semi-colonial Anglo-American state. In direct contrast, the Soviet Union is following the policy of "Soviet Russia does not seek to destroy Germany" as enunciated by Premier Stalin and with the termination of the war in Europe are rehabilitating Germany by working in co-operation with former Nazi administrative and economic organs which still exist in occupied Germany.

Former leaders of these organs have been replaced by members of the German Communist Party, while government workers and technical experts are remaining at their posts. The Soviets have taken over the food rationing system which existed during the Nazi regime and carried on the same ticket system to avoid a drastic change in the social life of the German people. The shortage of potatoes in Germany has been alleviated with the Russians bringing in stocks from Soviet Russia. The same holds true of other foodstuffs which are reaching Germany regularly. Thus, the amount of goods rationed today is almost twice that rationed during the hostilities.

MORE RATIONS

Coffee is now rationed at 30 grams per person each month while under the former regime each person received only 200 grams during the six years of war. Gas, water and electricity facilities in devastated Berlin have already been restored. More than 30 motion picture houses in Berlin have been reopened, featuring Soviet pictures. These are packed with Berlin citizens. There have been numerous cases where the German people sought refuge in Anglo-American-occupied territories in Germany but fled into Soviet-occupied areas asserting "living conditions under the Soviets are better."

Meanwhile, there are increasing indications of a rise of Communism in Germany which in former days was expected to be transformed into a Communistic state even before Soviet Russia. Members of the German Communist Party and surrendering German officers and men have established a Council of "Free Germany" similar to the Provisional Polish Government. Even during the war in the Ruhr district underground movements were active under the banner of "Free Germany" League. They were working openly against the Nazi regime inside and outside Germany even in the midst of the war. Although the Gestapo claimed not a single vestige of the Communist Party remained in Germany, the Ruhr district was a good example of how numerous members of the German Communist Party worked underground, biding their time to operate openly.

IMPERIALISM V. COMMUNISM

The majority of German middle class industrialists who had been pro-Anglo-American and had strong leanings towards liberalism became labourers due to the wartime economic policy of the Nazi regime. Poor living conditions under vanquished Germany seems the ideal hotbed of Communism. It will be interesting to watch now imperialism of Britain and the United States will counteract Soviet Russia's ingenious policy of dealing with the German people. It is almost impossible to check the power of Communism over the German masses, especially under present internal conditions in Germany.

In final analysis the machinations of the Anglo-Americans who have thrown in a titanic amount of men and material in the war in Europe will be overwhelmed by the masses and they will be forced to withdraw from Germany.

France Held Responsible For Crisis In Levant States

Zurich, June 7 (Domei)—The Council of the Arab League tonight issued a communique in Cairo charging France with responsibility for the Levant crisis and demanding the immediate evacuation of French troops from the two republics, according to a Cairo dispatch.

The communique, which was issued following a hearing of statements from representatives of Syria and Lebanon, charged that France attacked Syria and Lebanon and must take responsibility for the assassinations, destruction and other losses which have occurred in both countries.

The Arab League Council said that the League has decided to take necessary measures in order to resist "French aggression" and is putting them into effect.

British Journal Getting Uneasy Over Soviet Move

Lisbon, June 7 (Domei)—The influential "Yorkshire Post" today editorially warned the Soviet Union against the dangers of what it interpreted as a Soviet move to build up a belt of satellite states behind which it could do anything it pleased, according to a London dispatch.

The paper said that the belief that the Soviet Union is trying to form an outward buffer of pro-Soviet states is strengthened by the Russian actions regarding Poland and Austria.

Meantime, referring to the Soviet attitude toward the veto issue at the San Francisco Conference, the "Yorkshire Post" declared that "such a trend must be deplored by all friends of world security and cannot be profitable in the long run to Russia."

Veto Right Controversy Ends In Total Deadlock

Lisbon, June 6 (Domei)—With the San Francisco Conference deadlocked over the big powers' veto issue, weary delegates today are inclining toward a proposal to wind-up the protracted proceedings and leave the troublesome veto issue in the hands of Soviet Premier Josef Stalin, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and American President Harry Truman for settlement, according to a San Francisco dispatch.

Pessimism was reported to prevail among the medium and small nations as to whether a formula could be found in San Francisco to break the deadlock.

Reuter said that there has been no official discussion of the veto for over the past 24 hours, but the issue hung heavy over the Conference today—the date originally set for the Conference's adjournment.

The Russians were said to be still standing firm on their interpretation of the Yalta Agreement, which stipulates that the veto right should be withheld only in connection with matters of procedure. The exact definition of "procedure", however, was reported to be the cause for the Conference's headaches.

Reuter said that the real negotiations concerning the veto issue now seems to be going on in Moscow, where Harry Hopkins, Truman's personal representative, is believed to be negotiating directly with Stalin.

Meantime, the Russian spokesman at San Francisco today was reported as declaring, "If you expect the Soviet Union to yield on this issue, the outlook is not good."

Enemy Losses Mounting In Raid Over Kobe Dist.

Tokyo, June 7 (Domei)—A new record has been established in our counter-attacking operations against enemy "superforts" as a subsequent check-up on our war results achieved in the course of last Tuesday's B-29 raid on Kobe and adjacent areas revealed today that our interceptors and anti-aircraft batteries shot down 68 enemy raiders and severly crippled 160 others.

It may be recalled the joint communique released by the Headquarters of the Central Army Command and Osaka Naval Garrison at 2 p.m. Tuesday June 5 placed the number of enemy aircraft downed at 56 and that of heavily damaged at 144.

Subsequent operational reports made available to these two headquarters disclosed our airmen and flak units achieved still greater results in counter-attacking the enemy "superforts," namely, 68 downed and 160 heavily damaged. It was also revealed our interceptors accounted for 37 B-29's while ground batteries brought down 31 others.

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Large-Scale Strike Looms In Mexican Textile Factories

Lisbon, June 6 (Domei)—Mexico faced the prospect of a large-scale strike spreading into its weaving and spinning industry, as 50,000 workers employed in cotton factories walked out today, demanding a 30 per cent. salary increase, according to a Mexico City dispatch.

Fear is being felt that the strike may spread to 40 wool factories in Mexico City and eventually involve 90,000 workers of Mexico's textile industry.

New Political Threat To De Gaulle Government

Lisbon, June 6 (Domei)—The de Gaulle Government was confronted with fresh political troubles today when the Socialist group in France's provisional parliament threatened to resign unless the Government agreed to an expansion of the parliamentary membership to include returning war prisoners and deportees, some of whom are former deputies and cabinet ministers, according to a Paris dispatch.

The Socialist move is believed intended for the purpose of securing greater Leftist influence in France's parliament. In this connection, it will be recalled that numerous French Left Wing politicians, including Leon Blum, former Front Populaire Premier, recently returned to Paris from German captivity but as yet have been unable to participate in parliamentary activities.

Cambodia To Undertake Thorough Reorganisation

Pnompenh, June 7 (Domei)—It is learned that the national governmental structure of the Kingdom of Cambodia is expected shortly to undergo wholesale reorganization. It is anticipated a country-wide reorganization, especially in the provincial administrative structure, as well as reshuffle of personnel will be made in order to enhance the healthy growth of the kingdom in its new aspect, but also to perfect its defence in full collaboration with Nippon.

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